Shailos with Rabbi Willig #176

Follow up:

1) In the last shaylos, Rebbe accepted that there are situations where it is proper to distribute candy to 'trick or treaters.' a. Can Rebbe tell us why?

b. Can Rebbe address other American holidays i.e. Should veterans march in Veterans day parades?

c. Is a patriot Thanksgiving meal proper?

d. A July 4th event that celebrates America?

2) Rebbe spoke about a women eating before Kiddush and had some suggestions. What about where the husband davens early and comes home before his wife goes to shul and makes kiddush , she says birchos hatorah and birchos hashachar before he makes kiddush and she eats mezonos after that kiddush . She then goes to shul, does she need to hear kiddush after davening before drinking?

3) Rebbe said that if someone from the US went to Israel after 7 Cheshvan and is davening privately, he should add v'sen tal u'matar in shomeah tefilah but if he is davening for the amud, he should daven like the tzibur out loud. What should the chazan say in his silent shemoneh Esreh?

1) a. May one move food (on Shabbos) that is on a hotplate into a warming drawer?

b. May one move food (on Shabbos) that is in a warming drawer onto the hotplate?
c. Is there a difference if done during bein hashmashos Friday night?

2) The Mishnah Berurah (328:144) permits putting metal on a bruise to reduce inflammation, and the Shaar HaTziyun explains this is allowed because we don't use ground-up medication to reduce inflammation. The same principle is invoked to permit putting ice on an injury on Shabbos to prevent swelling. But today we have anti-inflammatory medications, like Motrin. Shouldn't those medications lead us to prohibit use of ice as an anti-inflammatory?

3) Orchos Shabbos 20, footnote 179, quotes from Orchos Rabbeinu I Refuah b'Shabbos 2 that the Chazon Ish considered any condition that required a multi-day course of medication a חולה שאין בו סכנה, such that one may take the medication on Shabbos, and that the Steipler accepted this l'maaseh. This would seem to greatly expand the category of חולה שאין בו סכנה beyond the traditional areas of חולה כל גופו, נפל למשכב and "unable to function." For example, it could include taking antihistamine pills for an itchy rash. Do we rely on this?

4) I recall meeting Rebbe at a wedding, where Rebbe arrived after tzeis hakochavim to the wedding, because it was after Rebbes mother 's yahrtzeit. Was that a halacha, a minhag, a hanhaga tova, or a feeling that it is not a good thing to attend a simcha on the day of a parents yahrtzeit ?

5) Are we noheig to require a Kallah to do bedikos before and after tashmish the first three times, or do we follow the Shach who is meikel? R' Moshe seems to say like the Shach but that one should be machmir nonetheless

6) Someone who is a chiyuv prefers to use his own Tallis for mincha, since it has Techeiles instead of the tzibburs that doesn't. Should he make a bracha on it or do we say that since it's only l'kavod hatzibbur there is no bracha. The Beur Halacha seems to use this sevara but perhaps he is only discussing when it's a Tallis shel tzibbur, not his own

7) Starting what age must one make sure their kids do not play with muktzah, eg playing with a dog

8) A mikvah was accidentally filled almost all the way to the top, which was difficult for some of the shorter woman. Does this pasul the tevilah since they might be afraid and uncomfortable? Furthermore, if it overflows and goes out of the mikvah, is that a pesul of zochalin? (The edge of the mikvah is flat and not slanted)

9) What are the halachic and hashkafic ramifications of young students learning about Greek mythology and the like, especially when considering that it is being taught by non Jews? Is there an age that it is "acceptable"? (In out if town community where this is a hot button issue)

10) If one hired a jew to clean his car he sent down one of his workers to clean it , They asked his worker if he works full-time he responded he has other part-time jobs and one of the part-time jobs that he does is washing cars he uses his own equipment not his bosses and charges half the price

Is one allowed to higher this worker for future cleanings ?

11) If one went to hospital after a stroke /cardiac arrest and the patient will be in the hospital For a few weeks Regarding shabbos does the family need to inquire if the doctors and nurses are Jewish and evaluate every thing the doctors and nurses are doing on shabbos whether they are Melachos derabonon or deoryassa and find out which procedure are necessary for פיקוח נפש ? or can they assume that whatever testing and protocols the doctors and nurses are doing are permitted being that the patient is a חולה perhaps even שיש בו סכנה

12) Is this permitted on Shabbos like regular standard liquid soap? here is a link to a video of what it is: https://www.youtube.com/shorts/I19abtFThv4 and I attached a picture of the product as well.

13)If an avel is davening in shul during shiva , can he
a) Daven for the amud

b) Can he say chazaras hashatz (Birchas Kohanim)

c) What does he do for tachanun

14) If someone wakes up in the middle of the night, is unable to fall back asleep, and wants to learn תורה: should he recite ברכת התורה before learning if he still hopes/plans to go back to sleep? If he said the ברכות and ended up falling back asleep, does he repeat ברכת התורה upon waking up for שחרית?

15) If someone can tie his tzitzis and they come out nicely but it takes a long amount of time [about an hour], is it preferable for him to tie them himself [perhaps based on the famous netziv about hechsher mitzvah hakesuva b'torah or a different reason] or can he just buy premade with a hashgacha?

16) A back up baal koreh read in our shul this week and insisted that the oleh open the torah. One of the olim insisted that the baal koreh is supposed to open the torah and then show him the place. Is there a basis for both opinions? Which is the preferable minhag?

17) a. Is one allowed to put inside of his sefer blank lined paper which he plans to write his torah thoughts on?

b. Is that paper when still blank considered muktze? If yes, is it a problem to move the sefer on shabbos?

c. Is one allowed when learning to place a blank paper on top of his sefer and write his notes leaning on the sefer?

18) To fulfill one's obligation of the targum for shnayim mikra v'echad targum, is it acceptable to besides reading the parsha twice to just read an english translation

a. of Onkeles [such as the new Artscroll translation printed in their new sefer Shnayim Mikrah]?

b. of Rashi without reading the hebrew?

c. of the chumash- like Rav Aryeh Kaplan's or Artscroll Stone Chumash?

19) If a chazzan who is a chiyuv is not entirely proficient in reading and makes mistakes in his pronunciation, should he be corrected? Does it make a difference what type of mistake? If it changes the meaning?

20) a. May one use a lint brush on Shabbos to brush off shabbos clothes, i.e l'kavod shabbos?

b. May one use a whipped cream aerosol can on Shabbos to enhance seudas shabbos? Rabbi Ribiat cites concerns of uvda d'chol for the former and borer for the latter?